

1 REMARKS

2 Status of the Claims

3 Claims 1-42 remain pending in the application, Claims 1, 10, 19, 25, 31, 35, 36, and 37  
4 having been amended to more clearly define the present invention. This Preliminary Amendment is  
5 being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), as a response to the final rejection  
6 of the claims in this application.

7 Claims 1 and 3-42 Rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

8 Claims 1 and 3-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Ferguson  
9 et al. (U.S. Published Application No. 2002/0065849 - hereinafter referred to as "Ferguson").  
10 Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons set forth below.

11 In the interest of reducing the complexity of the issues for the Examiner to consider in  
12 this response, the following discussion focuses on amended independent Claims 1, 10, 19, 25, 31,  
13 35, 36, and 37. The patentability of each remaining dependent claim is not necessarily separately  
14 addressed in detail. However, applicants' decision not to discuss the differences between the  
15 cited art and each dependent claim should not be considered as an admission that applicants  
16 concur with the Examiner's conclusion that these dependent claims are not patentable over the  
17 disclosure in the cited references. Similarly, applicants' decision not to discuss differences  
18 between the prior art and every claim element, or every comment made by the Examiner, should  
19 not be considered as an admission that applicants concur with the Examiner's interpretation and  
20 assertions regarding those claims. Indeed, applicants believe that all of the dependent claims  
21 patentably distinguish over the references cited. However, a specific traverse of the rejection of  
22 each dependent claim is not required, since dependent claims are patentable for at least the same  
23 reasons as the independent claims from which the dependent claims ultimately depend.

24 Discussion of the Rejection of Independent Claim 1

25 With respect to independent Claim 1, under "Response to Arguments," the Examiner has  
26 noted that the features upon which applicant relies in the arguments traversing the rejection (i.e., a  
27 Web view page that allows production of custom views and functions of a directory structure on a  
28 server without having to change the application program) are not recited in the rejected claims.  
29 Accordingly, applicants' have defined a Web view page in independent Claim 1, thereby more  
30 clearly distinguishing the claim over the cited art.

1 In addition, under "Response to Arguments" in the Final Office Action, the Examiner asserts:

2 Applicant argues that Ferguson does not disclose or suggest that the  
3 word processing document is displayed in or even includes a dialog box. The  
4 examiner respectfully disagrees. On pages 20-21, paragraphs 0200-0216,  
5 Ferguson teaches that a dialog box wizard such as those shown in  
6 Figures 16C-16D, are displayed; the dialog box wizards can be used to select  
7 and preview network-based content, i.e. web pages. Therefore, Ferguson  
8 teaches that the productivity application displays dialog boxes, i.e. wizards,  
9 which communicate with a browser module, i.e. select network-based content,  
10 and display web pages in the dialog box, i.e. preview the selected networked  
11 based content in the dialog box wizard. In view of the above, the examiner  
12 respectfully asserts that Ferguson teaches the limitations of claim 1, as  
13 presently recited.

14 Applicants note that step (a) of their independent Claim 1 recites that *the application program*  
15 provides the dialog box object ("*in the application program, providing a dialog box object....*")  
16 Accordingly, applicants reiterate the argument submitted in the previous Office Action response  
17 argued that Ferguson does not teach or suggest that a Web view page is provided in a dialog box  
18 object provided by the application program. Applicants respectfully maintain that neither  
19 FIGURES 16C-16D or paragraphs 0200-0216 of Ferguson teach that a dialog box wizard displays a  
20 Web view page from within an application program. In paragraph 0200, Ferguson mentions that his  
21 invention "enables the development of web pages, web page applications, and even web sites that can  
22 be access directly within non-browser client applications, such as word processors, spreadsheet  
23 programs, graphics applications and the like." However, Ferguson's discussion of Figures 16C  
24 and 16D occurs initially in paragraph 0202 and is not related to the mention of accessing web pages  
25 in a non-browser client application. In any case, ***Ferguson never teaches or suggests that a web  
26 view page can be provided within a dialog of a non-browser application.***

27 Therefore, since Ferguson does not teach or suggest providing a Web view page within a  
28 dialog box from within an application program, the rejection of independent Claim 1 over Ferguson  
29 should be withdrawn. Because dependent claims include all of the elements of the independent claim  
30 from which the dependent claims ultimately depend, dependent Claims 3-9 are patentable for at least  
the reasons discussed above in regard to independent Claim 1. Accordingly, the rejection of  
dependent Claims 3-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) should be withdrawn.

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1 Discussion of the Rejection of Independent Claims 10, 19, 25, 31, 35, 36, and 37

2 With respect to independent Claims 10, 19, 25, 31, 35, 36, and 37, the Examiner respectfully  
3 asserts that Ferguson teaches the subject claims in view of the Examiner's response to applicants'  
4 arguments that these independent claims include references to Web view pages. Applicants have  
5 amended each of these claims to recite further details regarding the Web view page, thereby more  
6 clearly distinguishing over the cited art. Since Ferguson does not teach or suggest a Web view page  
7 displayed in a dialog of an application program, the rejection of independent Claims 10, 19, 25, 31,  
8 35, 36, and 37 over Ferguson should be withdrawn. Because dependent claims include all of the  
9 elements of the independent claim from which the dependent claims ultimately depend, dependent  
10 Claims 11-18, 20-24, 26-30, 32-34, and 38-42 are patentable for at least the reasons discussed above  
11 in regard to independent Claims 10, 19, 25, 31, 35, 36, and 37. Accordingly, the rejection of  
12 dependent Claims 11-18, 20-24, 26-30, 32-34, and 38-42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) should be  
13 withdrawn.

14 Claims Rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

15 Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferguson in view of  
16 U.S. Patent No. 6,009, 441 (Mathieu et al., hereinafter "Mathieu"). The Examiner asserts that it  
17 would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to  
18 include within Ferguson's invention, Mathieu's teachings of enabling a user to select a desired  
19 format from among the plurality of formats for displaying a dialog box, and in response  
20 thereto, displaying the dialog box within the application program in the desired format selected by the  
21 user. However, Claim 2 depends from independent Claim 1, which is patentable for the reasons  
22 discussed above. Because a dependent claim inherently includes all of the elements of the  
23 independent claim from which the dependent claim ultimately depends, dependent Claim 2 is  
24 patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above with regard to independent Claim 1.  
25 Accordingly, the rejection of dependent Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ferguson in view of  
26 Mathieu should be withdrawn.

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1 In view of the Remarks set forth above, it will be apparent that the claims in this application  
2 define a novel and non-obvious invention. The application is in condition for allowance and should  
3 be passed to issue without further delay. Should any further questions remain, the Examiner is  
4 invited to telephone applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

5 Respectfully submitted,

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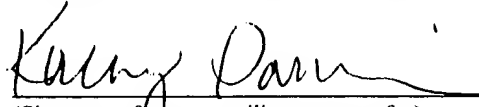
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